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Panama City Regulatory Field Office
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December 31, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2008-4611(IP-DEB)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This district has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: South Walton Fire District
PO Box 1226
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

WATERWAY & LOCATION: The project is located in unnamed wetlands which drain to Choctawhatchee Bay, just west of CR393, in Section 27, Township 2 south, and Range 20 west, Santa Rosa Beach, Walton County, Florida, and at the following coordinates:

Latitude: 30°23'14.85" North
Longitude: 86°13'51.80" West

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE ARE AS FOLLOWS: From Destin, head east on US98 to CR393, and north on CR393 approximately one mile to project site on left.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: To construct a fire-fighting training center.

Overall: To construct a fire-fighting training center at an existing facility located on CR393 in south Walton County.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to fill 1.84 acres, and dredge 0.15 acre (for stormwater), of freshwater wetlands in order to construct a fire-fighting training center at a fire-fighting facility on CR393 in south Walton County. The proposed work includes constructing an access road, new building, parking area, dewatering facility, and stormwater pond. Remaining wetland areas at the western portion of the project site would be paved with asphalt to allow vehicular access and maneuverability.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION INFORMATION: The applicant states that the requested wetland impacts are necessary to achieve the project purpose. Impacts are proposed at an existing facility. The applicant states that alternative geographic locations are not practicable. Approximately 0.66 acre of wetlands would be preserved onsite.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: To offset wetland impacts, the applicant proposes two options. The first option would be to purchase approximately 2.5 credits at the Nokuse Mitigation Bank (MB). The Nokuse

MB is currently under request for modification. Currently, no credits have been released. The second option would be to preserve approximately 50.0 acres of wet planted pine in its natural state in perpetuity. The 50.0-acre site is located north of SR20 and west of SR81. Corps has not determined if either proposed mitigation proposals is appropriate.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The 10.54-acre parcel contains approximately 2.66 acres of wetlands, located within the western half. A fire-fighting facility is currently located at the eastern half of the project site. The project site is surrounded by development to the south, CR393 to the east, and undeveloped land to the north and west. Low density residential and some commercial development occurs near the project site. The on-site wetland community can be described as hydric flatwoods (FLUCCs #625). Dominant wetland plants include the following: slash pine (*Pinus elliotti*), sweetbay (*Magnolia virginiana*), myrtle holly (*Ilex myrtifolia*), cassine holly (*Ilex cassine*), inkberry (*Ilex glabra*), wiregrass (*Aristida stricta*), and broomsedge (*Andropogon glomeratus*). Based on the information received, wetlands resources have been assessed as moderate quality (0.53) based on the Unified Mitigation Assessment Method.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined the proposal would have no effect on any listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): This Notice initiates the EFH consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would have a minor adverse impact on the EFH or federally managed fisheries in Choctawhatchee Bay. Our Final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified. The jurisdictional line has not been verified by Corps personnel.

AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: Water Quality Certification may be required from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the above address within 30 days from the date of this notice. Please reference the Permit Application number!

The decision whether to issue or deny this permit application will be based on the information received from this public notice and the evaluation of the probable impact to the associated wetlands. This is based on an analysis of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the project, as well as the compensatory mitigation proposed.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Mr. Dale E. Beter, at the letterhead address, by electronic mail at dale.e.beter@usace.army.mil, by fax at 850-872-0231, or by telephone at 850-763-0717, #57.

IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Service, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice, we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat.


IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Presently, unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished.

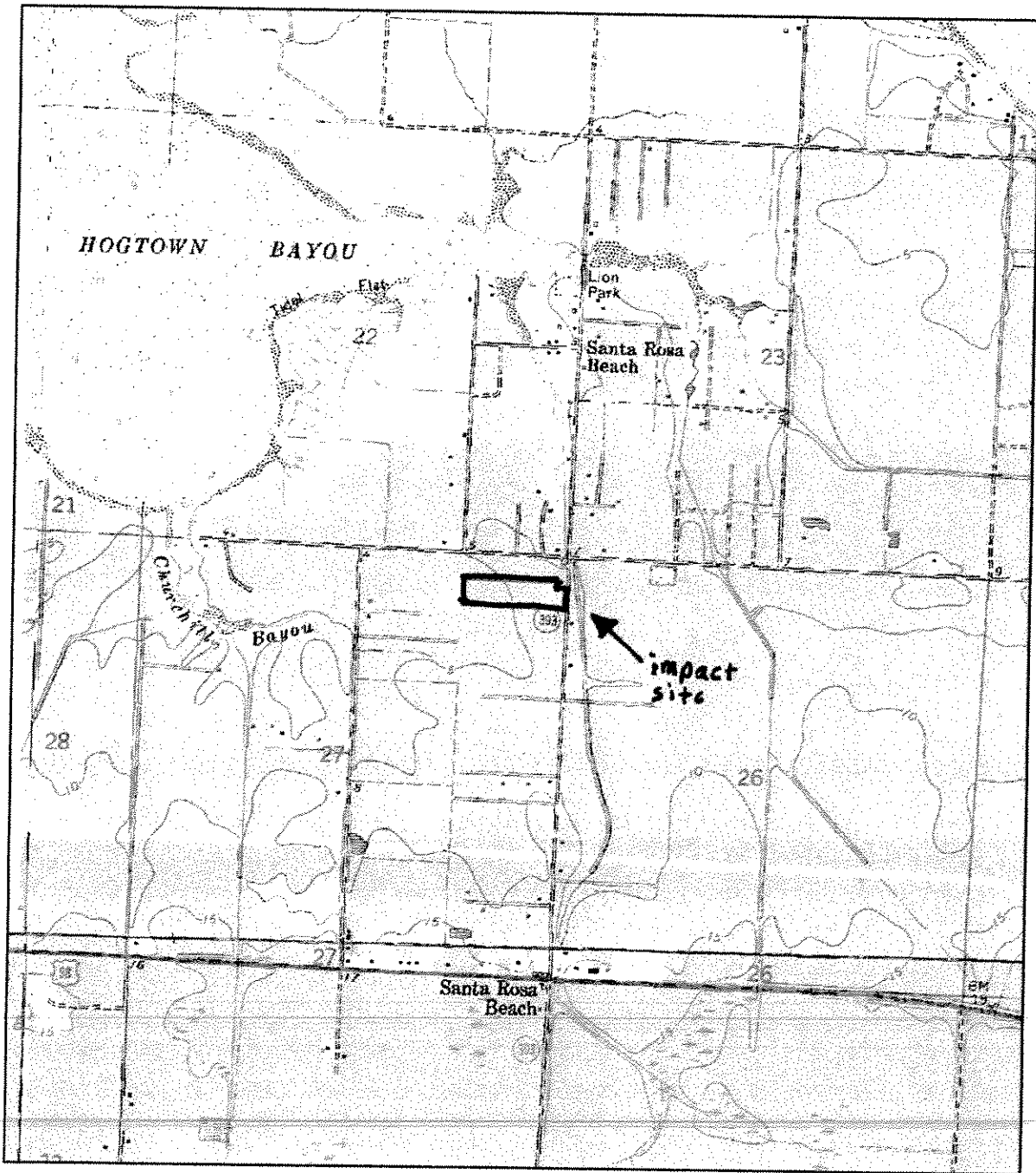
EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make or deny this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with approved Coastal Zone Management Plan.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.


David S. Hobbie
Regulatory Division



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 Site

0 1,250 2,500 5,000 Feet



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7.5 Min USGS Topo Map



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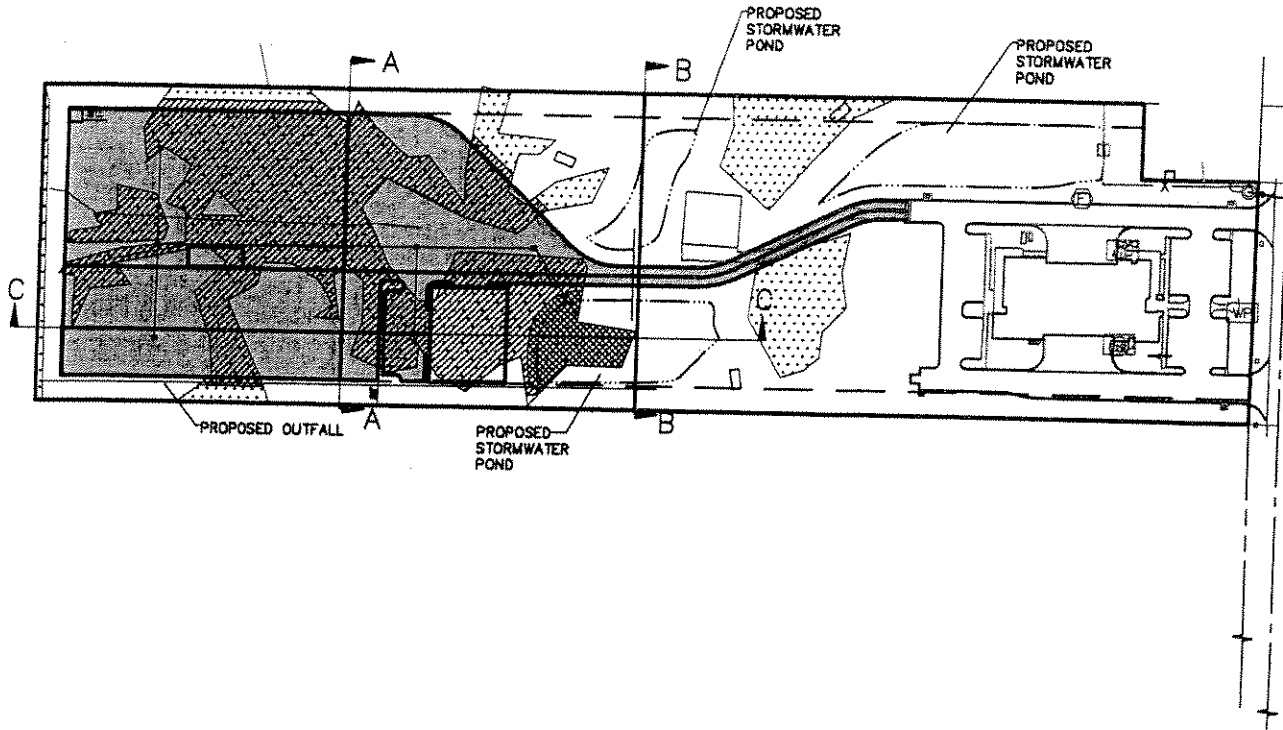


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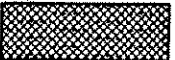
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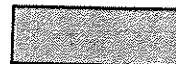
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DENOTES JURISDICTIONAL AREA OF
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DENOTES JURISDICTIONAL AREA OF
IMPACT (CUT AREA)



DENOTES AREA TO
BE ASPHALTED

GRAPHIC SCALE IN FEET:



TOTAL WETLAND AREA = 115,945 SQUARE FEET = 2.66 ACRES

AREA OF IMPACT = 86,543 SQUARE FEET = 1.99± ACRES

PERMANENT IMPACT = 86,543 SQUARE FEET = 1.99± ACRES
WETLANDS TO REMAIN NATURAL = 29,185 SQUARE FEET = 0.67
ACRES

*TOTAL CUT 1,495 CUBIC YARDS
(CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED POND)

*TOTAL FILL = 6,410 CUBIC YARDS

*NOTE: NO SHRINK SWELL FACTORS APPLIED

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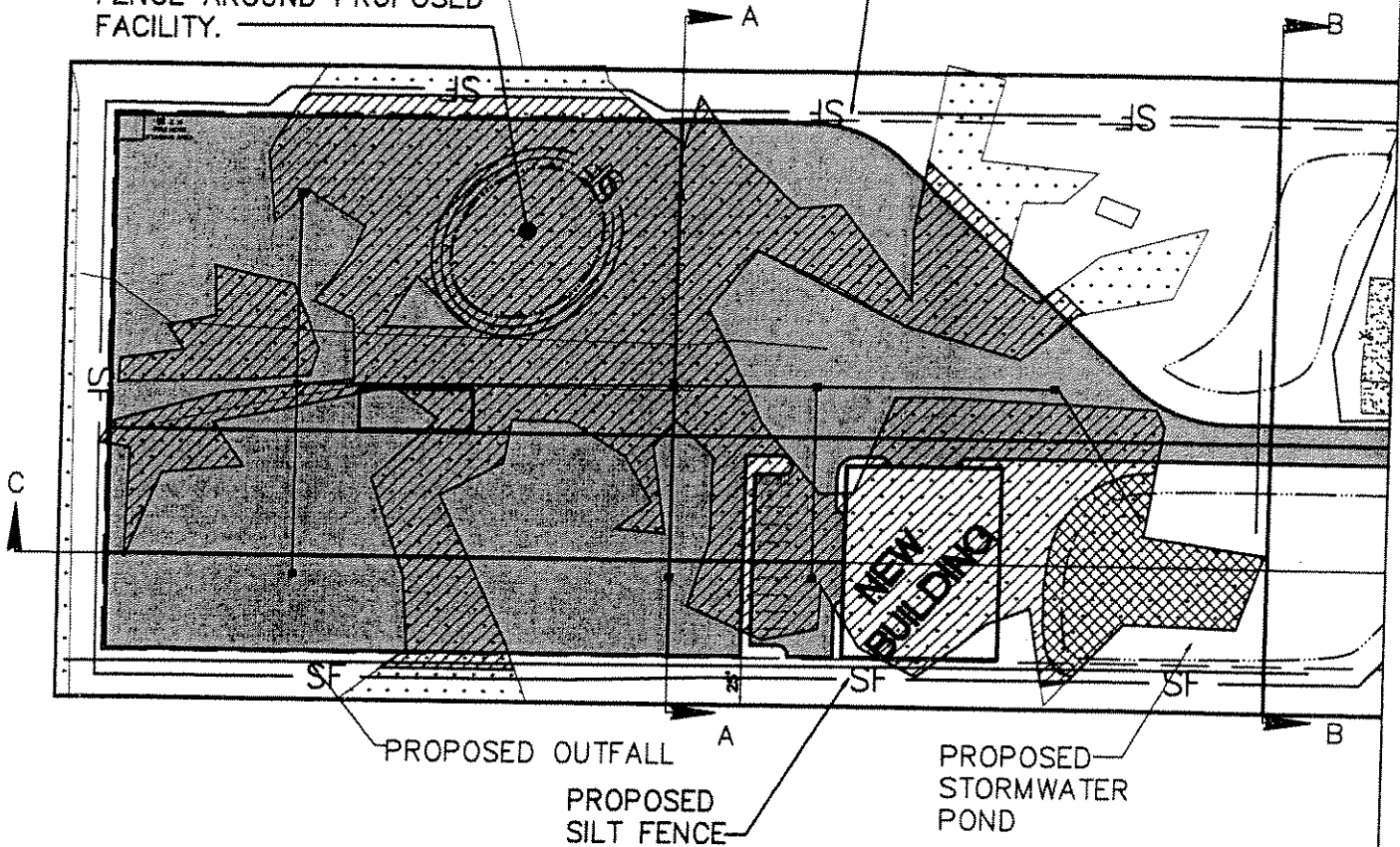


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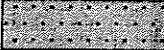


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PROPOSED LOCATION OF
TEMPORARY DEWATERING
FACILITY. TO BE DESIGNED BY
CONTRACTOR. CONSTRUCT 2
ROWS OF HEAVY DUTY SILT
FENCE AROUND PROPOSED
FACILITY.

PROPOSED
SILT FENCE



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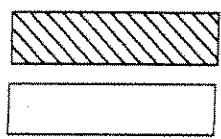
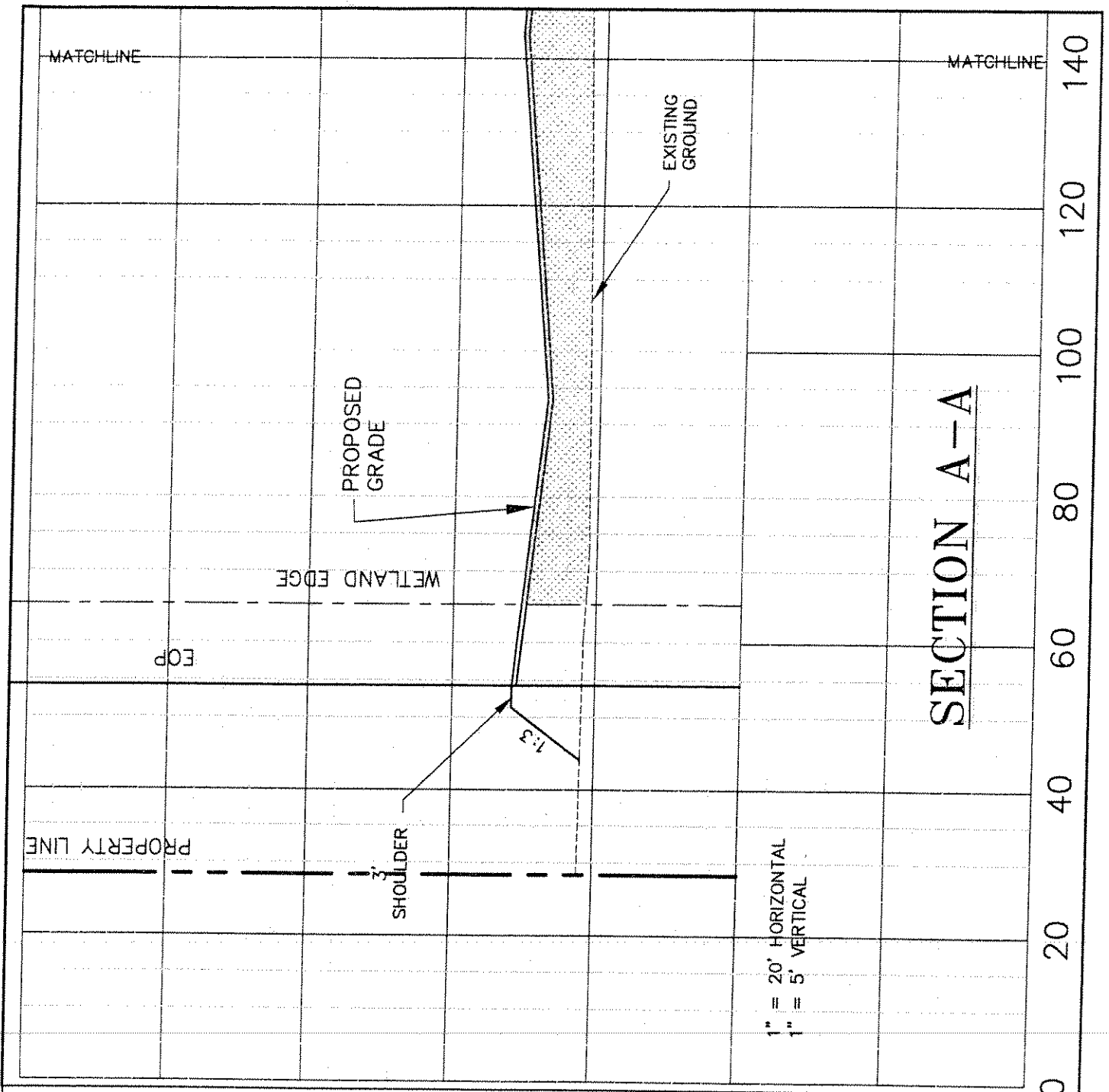
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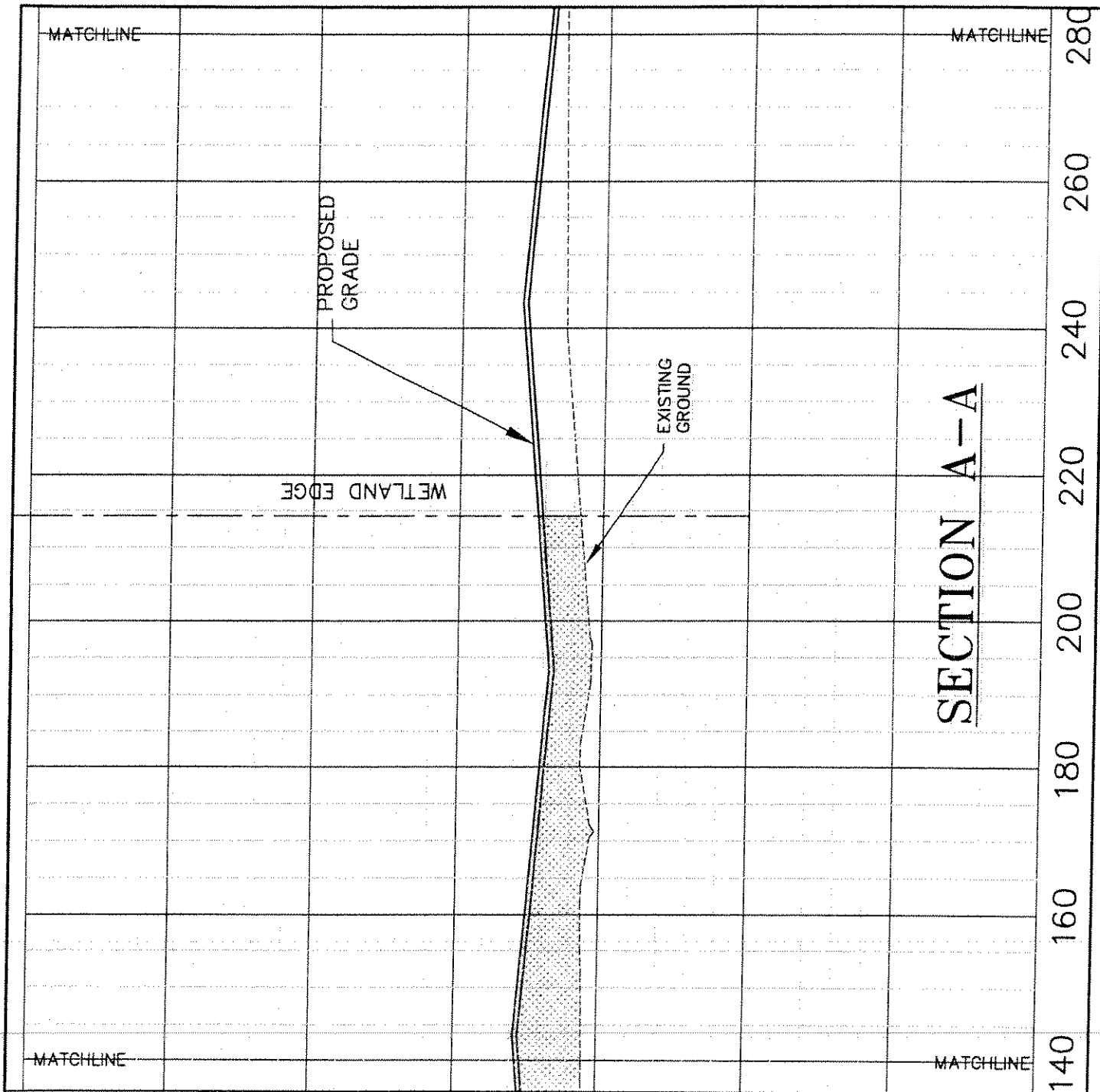


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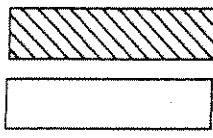
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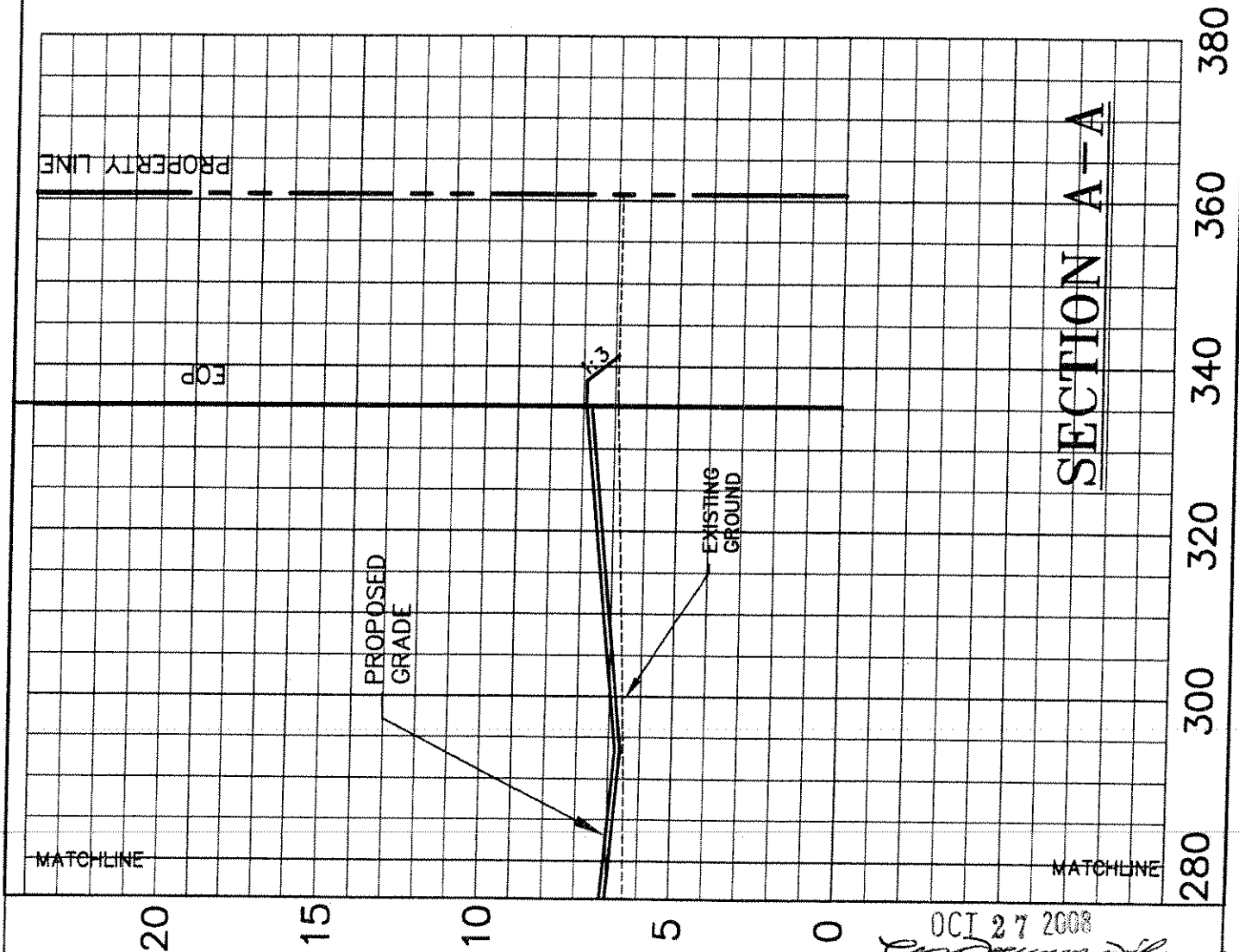


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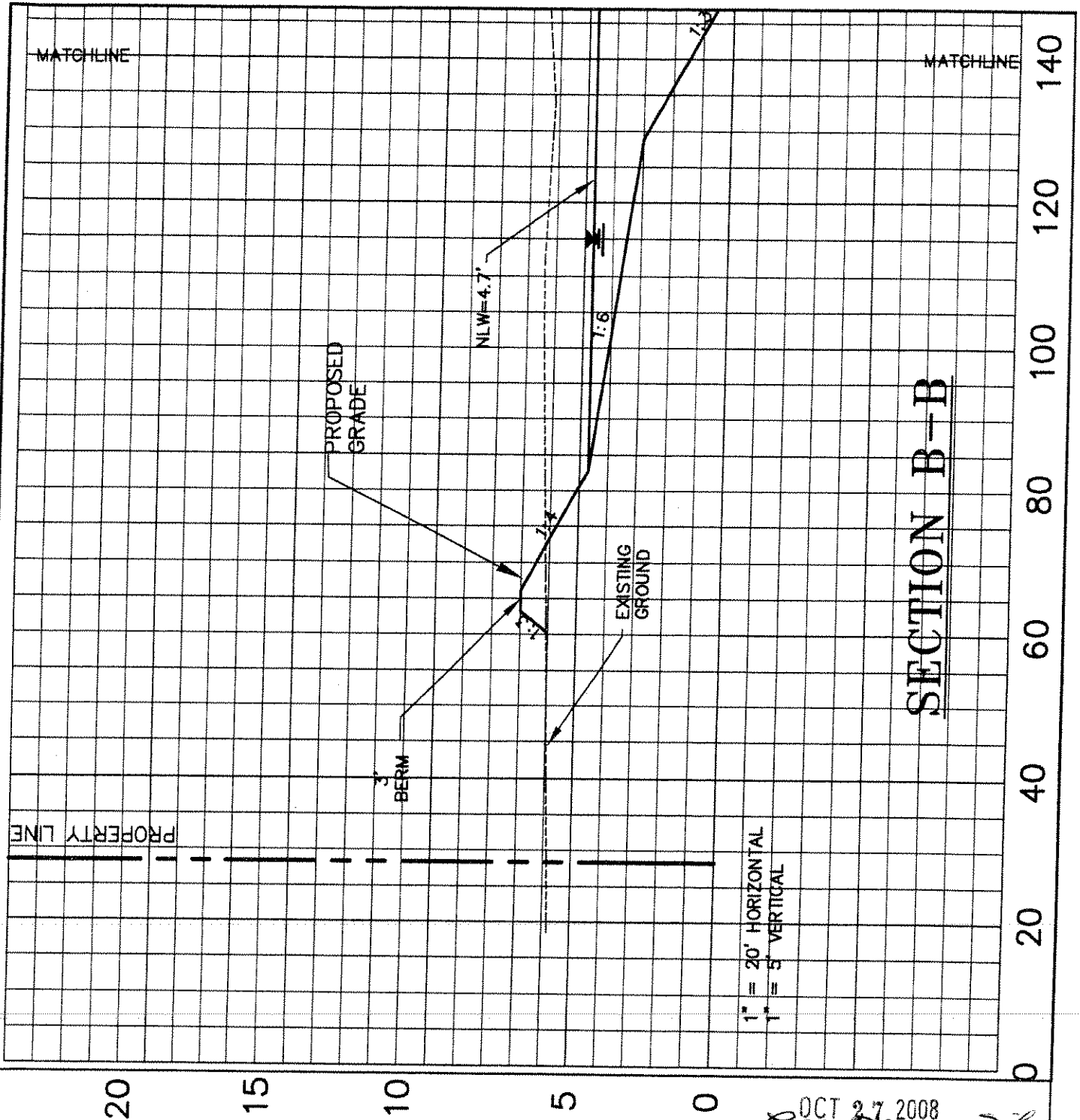
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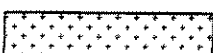
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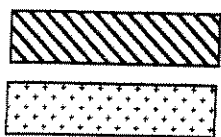
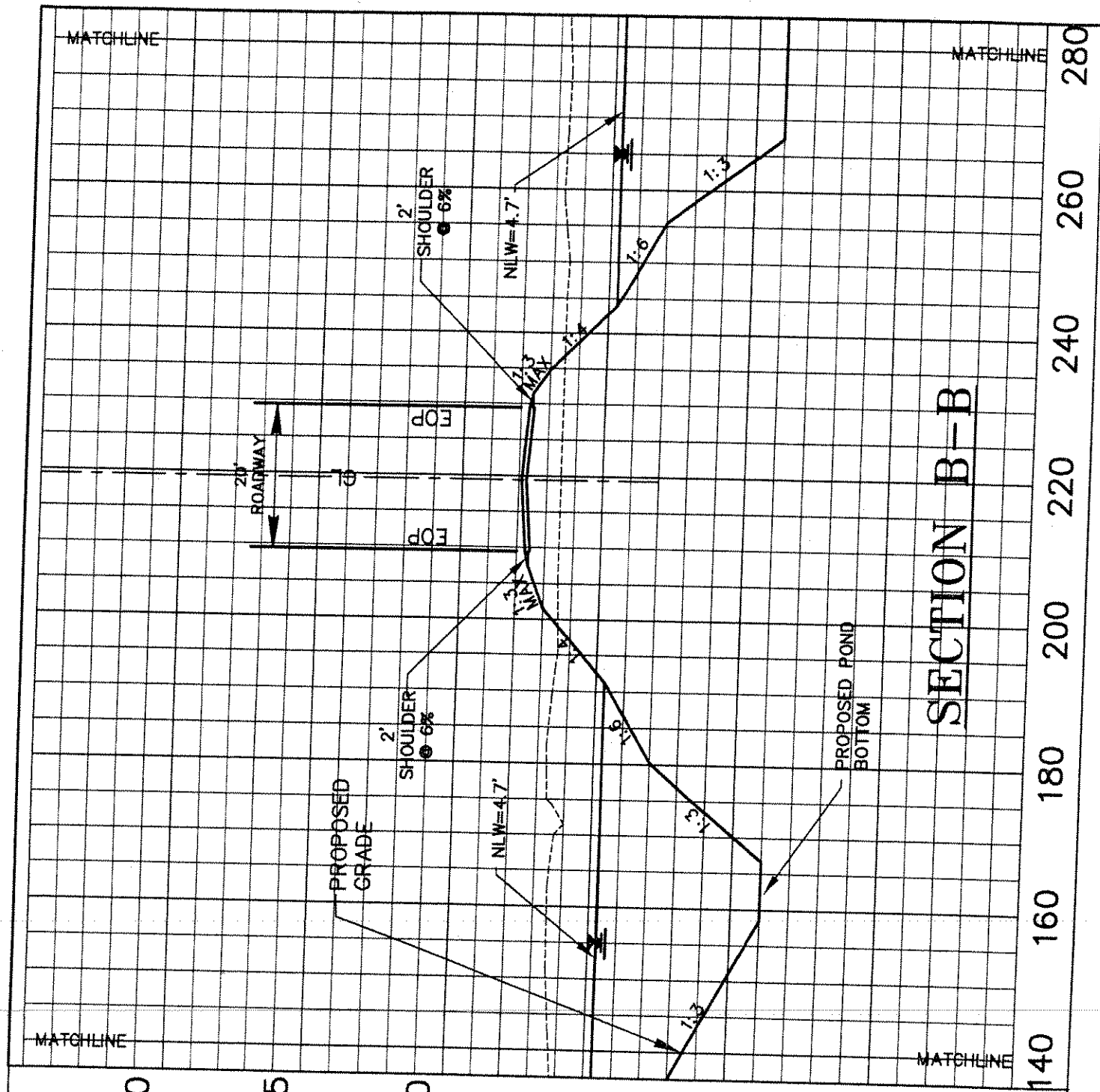
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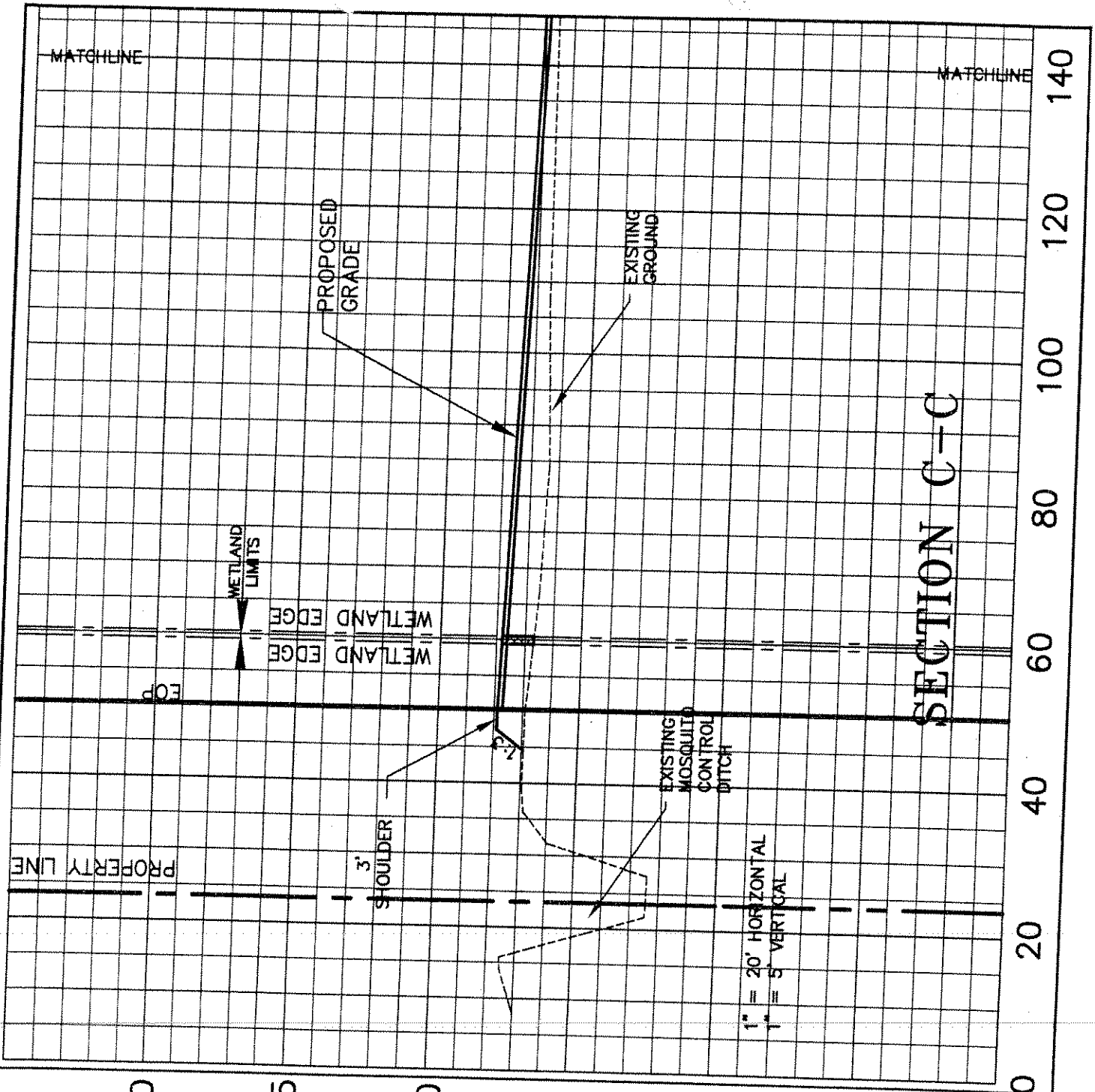
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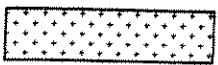


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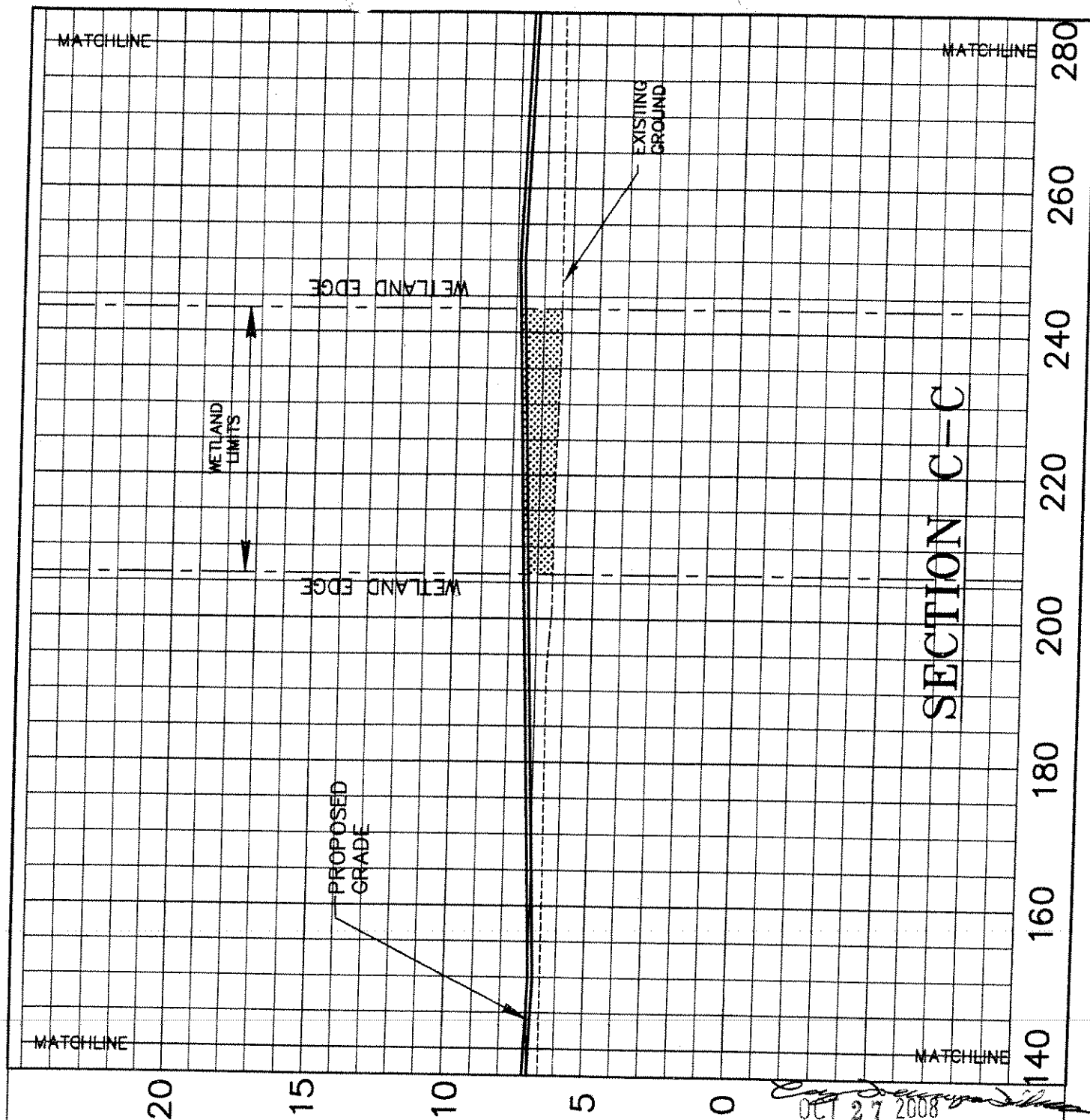
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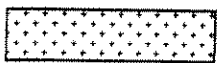
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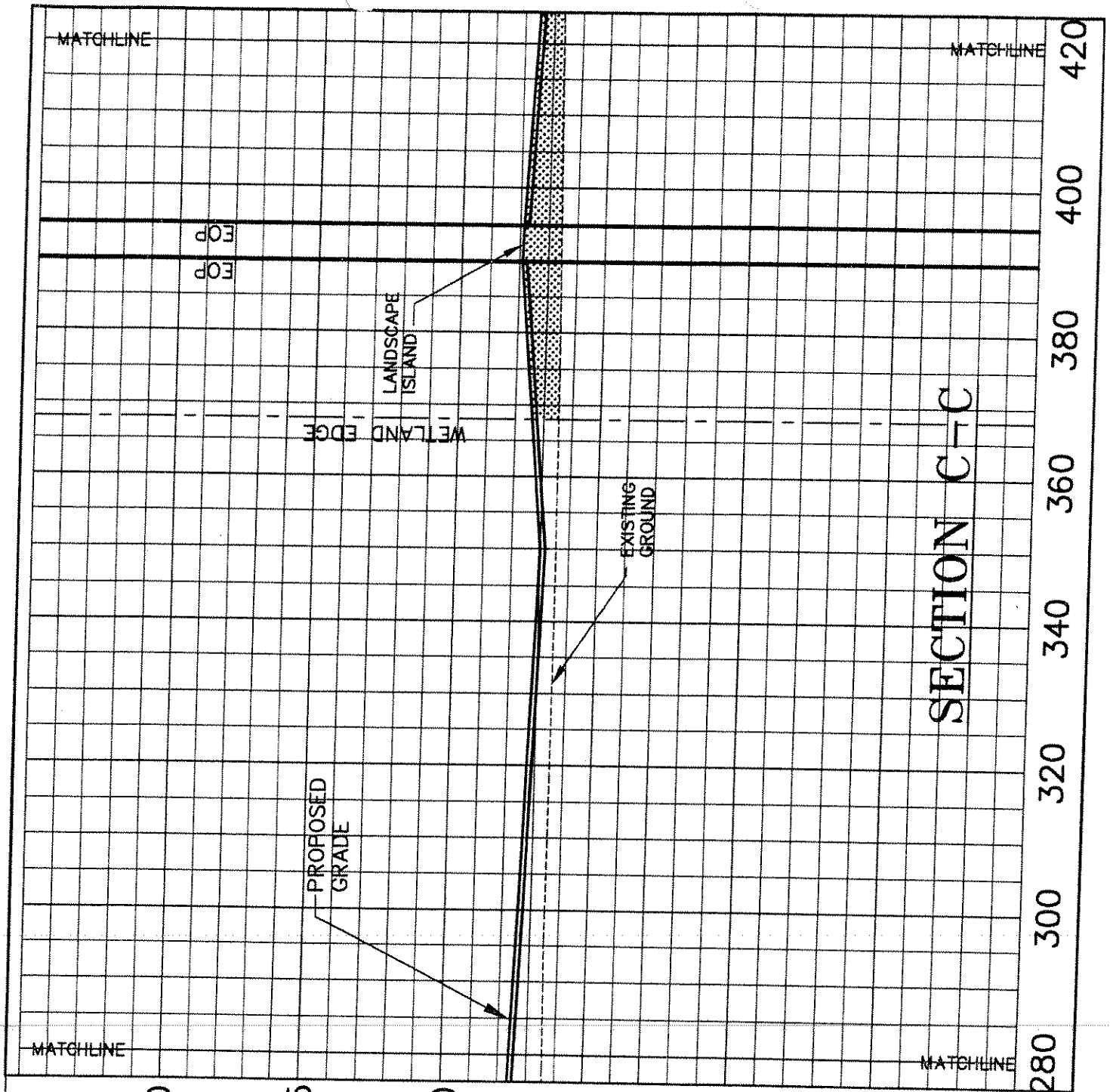
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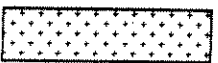
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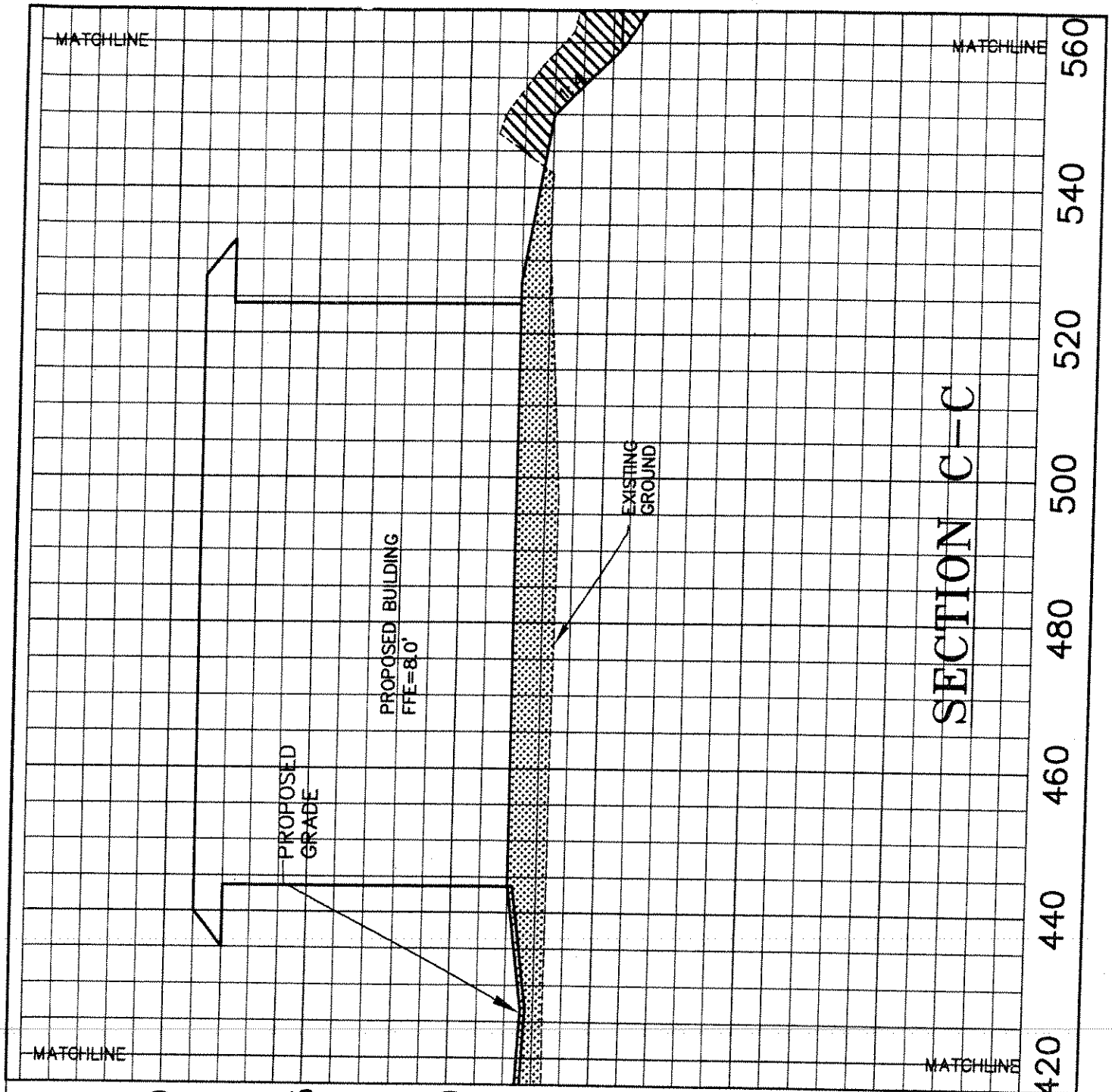
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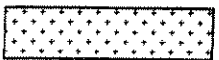




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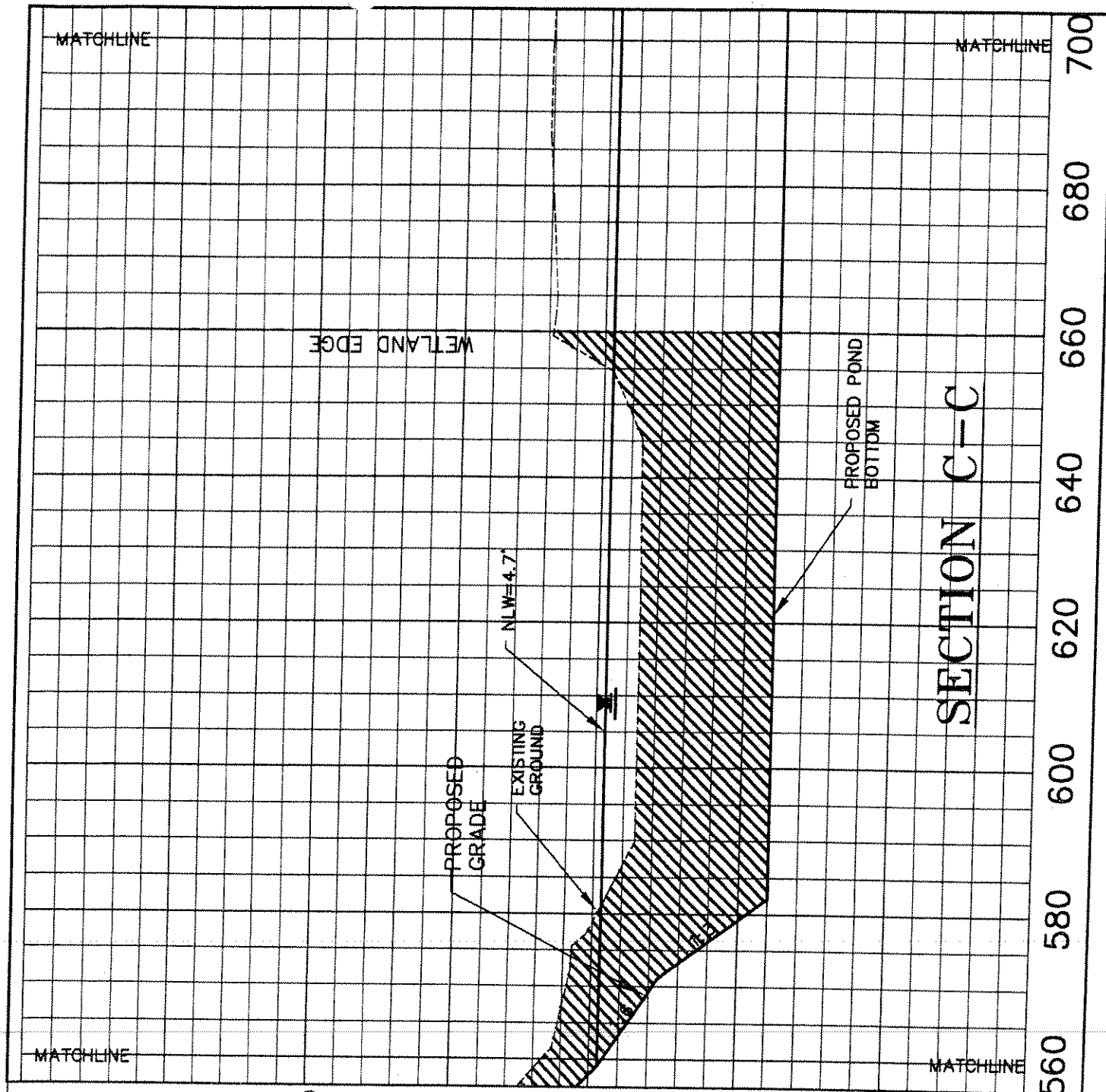
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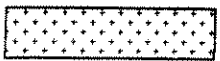
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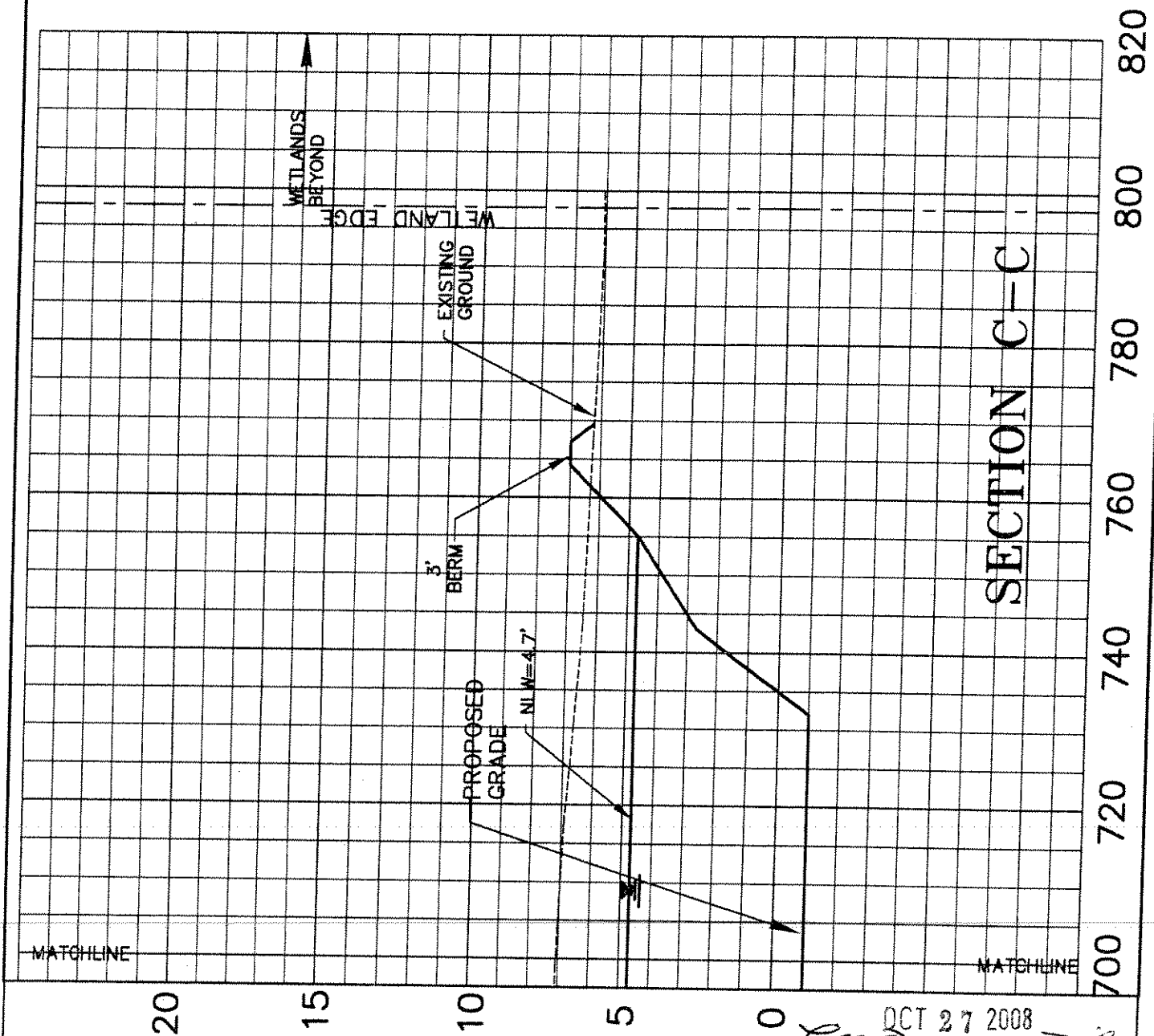
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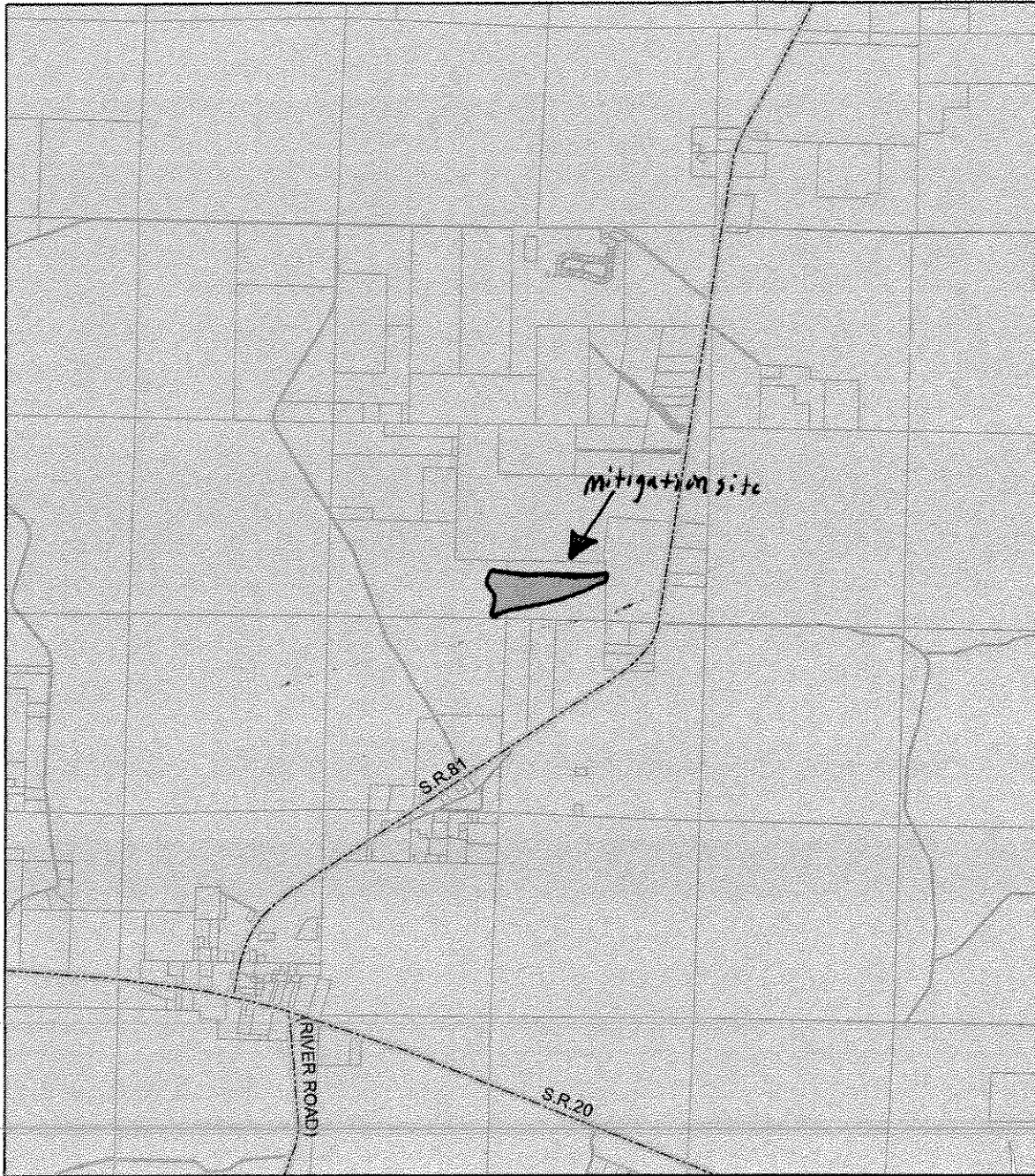
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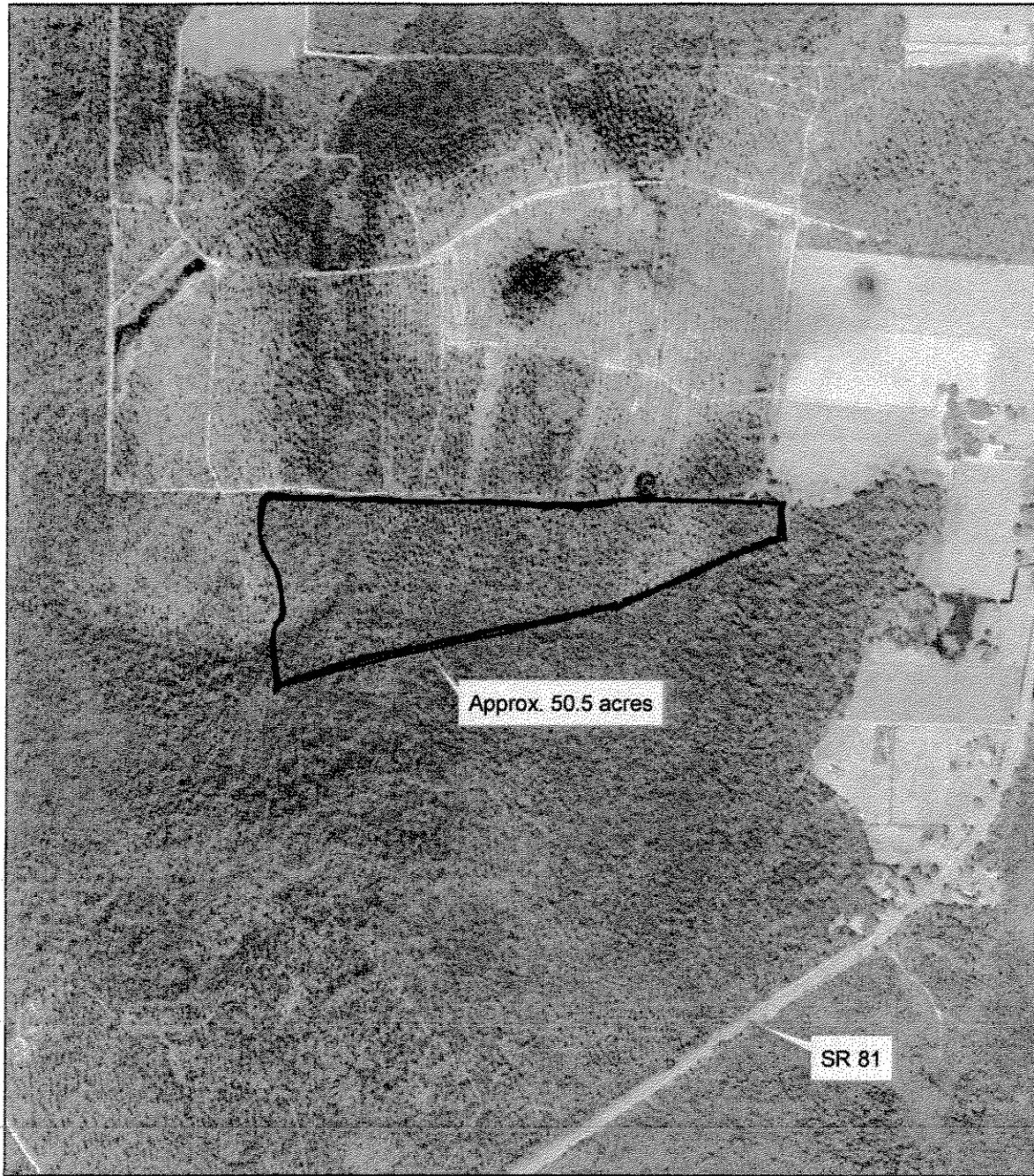


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